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INSTALLATION: Reported New Research Center BRIEF NO.: B-96-57
LOCATION: Vicinity of Novosibirsk, USSR DATE: 30 December 1957
B.E. NUMBER: None LAT.: 54° 45'N
WAC NUMBER: 162 LONG.: 83° 04'E

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REFERENCES:

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REQUIREMENT HTA/SI/R76/57: Locate and describe a Soviet Scientific Research Center reportedly under construction along the Ob River south of Novosibirsk.

REMARKS:

A new Soviet Scientific Research Center reportedly is under construction on the Ob River, south of Novosibirsk, in the vicinity of a new dam and hydro power station.

August 1957 photography reveals that a large new earthen dam has been constructed across the Ob River, 15 miles south of Novosibirsk. A large hydro power plant associated with the dam is still under construction. A large canal with a major lock system composed of three locks is nearing completion on the east side of the river.

Just south of Nizhne Chenskaya, at the western end of the new dam, a new industrial community is being developed. Twelve blocks of apartment houses and several hundred individual modern houses have been constructed in an orderly rectangular pattern. A new rail spur serves this community and several unidentified industrial installations are in early stages of construction. The reported new scientific research center could be under construction in this locality.

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Another possible location of the research center is the vicinity of the new town of Berdsk, located on the east side of the Ob River, approximately 20 miles south of Novosibirsk. A large lake has formed south of the new dam. This made it necessary to relocate the town of Berdsk, originally situated on the bank of the river, to a site adjacent to the railroad three miles southeast of its original location. Industrial and institutional type buildings are in evidence in the vicinity of this new community. However, on this oblique photography none of the buildings or groups of buildings can be identified as possible wind tunnels, laboratories, or buildings typical of a scientific research center.

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